

## CLAIMS

1. An integrated circuit comprising a processor, non-volatile memory, an input for receiving power from a power supply and a power detection unit, wherein the integrated circuit is configured to enable multi-word  
5 writes to the non-volatile memory, the power detection unit being configured to:  
monitor a quality of power supplied to the input;  
in the event the quality of the power drops below a predetermined threshold, preventing subsequent words in any multi-word write currently being performed from being written to the memory.
- 10 2. An integrated circuit according to claim 1, further configured to prevent any further writes of any type to the memory once the quality is determined to have dropped below the threshold.
3. An integrated circuit according to claim 1, wherein the quality is a voltage.
- 15 4. An integrated circuit according to claim 1, wherein the memory is flash memory.
5. An integrated circuit according to claim 1, wherein the power detection unit is configured to provide a reset signal to at least some other circuits on the integrated circuit once any current writes have been finished.